

**Agenda Item:** 2.c

**Meeting Date:** June 4, 2019

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** City Commission

**Date:** 2019-05-20

**From:** Vince Gizzi, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Subject:** Clearwater Ferry Services First Amendment

**Presenter(s):** Vince Gizzi, Director of Parks and Recreation

**Recommend:** Staff recommends approval of the Clearwater Ferry Services First Amendment

**Epic Goal(s):**

1. Create a vibrant, cultural experience that touches the lives of our community and visitors.
2. Promote Dunedin as the premier Coastal Community protecting and improving our natural resources for the enjoyment of all.

**Boards & Committees:**

1. Marina Advisory Committee
2. Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
3. Causeway and Coastal Waterway Committee
4. Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Committee

**Budget Impact:** None

**Past Action:** Approval of Clearwater Ferry Services Trial Program Agreement on June 5, 2018

**Next Action:** N/A

**Attachments:** [A. Clearwater Ferry Agreement 6-5-18.pdf](#), [B. April 2019 Ridership Report.pdf](#), [C. First Amendment to Services Agreement-Clearwater Ferry.pdf](#),

**Background:**

The Clearwater Ferry Services opened in March of 2015 and began by providing water transportation services to employees, residents and tourists in the intracoastal waters of Pinellas County. At the June 5, 2018 City Commission meeting, the Clearwater Ferry received approval from the City Commission to add the Dunedin Marina on a one-year trial basis as an additional stop for their ferry services. The Clearwater Ferry began providing services on July 6, 2018 every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Trips arrive and depart from Dunedin Marina eight times each day and go to Clearwater Beach Marina, then to Downtown Clearwater, then back to Dunedin. Fifty-three percent (53%) of the ridership over the length of the trial program has originated in Clearwater.

The Clearwater Ferry owner, Trisha Rodriguez, has requested to extend the term of this agreement for an additional three (3) year period commencing on June 5, 2019 and terminating on June 4, 2022, under the same terms and conditions as the initial services agreement.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, at their meeting on March 20, 2019, and the Marina Advisory Committee, at their meeting on April 15, 2019, voted unanimously in support of the Clearwater Ferry Services three (3) year extension. Both the CRAAC at their meeting on May 1, 2019, and the Causeway and Coastal Waterway Committee, at their May 14, 2019 meeting, also voted unanimously in favor of the Clearwater Ferry Services three (3) year extension.

The parties may extend the term of this agreement pursuant to the same terms, conditions, and pricing set forth in the initial agreement by mutually executing an amendment to this agreement. The Clearwater Ferry has performed their operation to the satisfaction of the City with no boat traffic, parking or infrastructure issues, and therefore, City Staff is recommending approval from the City Commission to extend the term by First Amendment for an additional three (3) year period.